

Claim 14 (currently amended): A coated article, comprising:

an article having a surface coated with a hydrophilic coating, said hydrophilic coating comprising:

~~a three-dimension supporting~~ an acrylic polymer matrix, said ~~supporting~~ acrylic polymer having an equivalent weight of functional moiety in the range of 200 to 1000 g/eq. and forming a three-dimensional network through crosslinking bridges at said functional moiety; and

a hydrophilic polymer, said hydrophilic polymer associated with the supporting acrylic polymer,

~~said coating characterized in that the supporting polymer forms a three-dimensional network which, when wet, minimizes eliminates disassociation of the hydrophilic polymer and the acrylic polymer matrix having a crosslink density such that the coating retains slip for up to 24 hours in ambient aqueous medium.~~

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is selected from the group consisting of poly(N-vinyl lactams), ~~poly(vinylpyrrolidone),~~ poly(ethylene oxide), poly(propylene oxide), polyacrylamides, cellulosics, ~~methyl cellulose,~~ polyacrylic acids, polyvinyl alcohols, and polyvinyl ethers.

Claim 17 (original): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the crosslink density is in the range of 100-10,000 g/equivalent crosslink.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the crosslinking bridges are selected from the group consisting of moieties ~~of~~ derived from aziridines,

carbodiimides, epoxides, unsaturated ~~carbon and heteroatom bonds~~ carbon-carbon and carbon-heteroatom bonds, ~~ionic agents~~ ionic Zn, Ca, and Mg, and melamine and urea/formaldehyde condensates.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the surface is selected from the group consisting of ocular devices, lenses, medical devices, membranes, recreational products, ~~such as boat hulls~~, open cell foams, and closed cell foams, ~~and water-contacting items~~.

Claims 20-³⁰~~31~~ (cancelled)

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Claim ~~32~~ (new): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the crosslink density is in the range of 100-1000 g/equivalent crosslink.

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Claim ~~33~~ (new): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the polymer of said polymer matrix has a weight average molecular weight in the range of 5,000 to 10,000,000.

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Claim ~~34~~ (new): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the polymer of said polymer matrix has a weight average molecular weight in the range of 30,000 to 100,000.

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Claim ~~35~~ (new): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the polymer of the polymer matrix and the hydrophilic polymer are present in a ratio in the range of 1:10 to 20:1.

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Claim ~~36~~ (new): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the polymer of the polymer matrix and the hydrophilic polymer are present in a ratio in the range of 1:3 to 5:1.

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Claim ~~37~~ (new): The coated article of claim 14, further comprising:
one or more additives selected from the group consisting of co-solvents, plasticizers, anti-foaming agents, anti-crater agents, coalescing solvents, bioactive agents, antimicrobial agents,

antithrombogenic agents, antibiotics, pigments, paint additives, radiopacifiers and ion
conductors.

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Claim ~~38~~ (new): The coated article of claim 14, wherein the hydrophilic polymer
comprises poly(vinyl pyrrolidone).
